



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Update: Fischer Fire in Chelan County

LEAVENWORTH – The Fischer Fire has burned more than 11,464 acres as of 5 p.m. yesterday. At approximately 7 p.m. the fire flared up due to very windy conditions. The fire destroyed one home, damaged another home and an outbuilding. The fire is estimated to be 30% contained at this time. Firefighters are expecting today to be another day of active burning. Winds are from the northwest with upslope winds predicted this morning and down slope winds tonight. The fire continues to burn in an east-southeast direction.

There are approximately 560 residences in the evacuation zone at this time. Of those homes 326 are at Level 3, 130 at Level 2, and 104 at Level 1 evacuations. The Red Cross continues to operate a shelter located at the Cashmere Middle School. There will be a town meeting at 6 p.m. tonight at the Cashmere High School.

LEVEL 3: Hay Canyon, Nahahum Canyon, Spring Canyon, Alpine View Estates, Eagle Creek Canyon, Bjork Canyon, Williams Canyon, Jude Canyon, and Upper Derby Canyon starting at the end of the pavement.

LEVEL 2: Eels Road, Hughes Road, Red Apple Road, Warner Canyon, All driveways on US 2 to the Monitor Rock Cut, Clark Canyon, Estes Canyon, Lower Derby Canyon to the end of the pavement, Posey Canyon including Fox Canyon, Stevens Canyon, and Anderson Canyon, Monitor north side of Easy St. to the intersection of Warm Springs/American Fruit Rd. north up Warm Springs (both sides), Warner Canyon, Warm Springs Canyon.

LEVEL 1: Easy Street from School Street, Moon Canyon, Railroad Canyon, Merry Canyon between Chumstick, Dry Creek. On American Fruit Rd. at Easy St. to Knolls Rd where it intersects with School St. North on School Street to the last residence, both sides (anything north of Knolls/School St. intersection), Burch Mtn. Rd. at Birchvale Rd., all residences on the Westside of Burch Mtn. Rd, north and west which includes Birchvale Rd., Tarn Pl., Heather Ln., Rolling Hills, Stony Brook, Morningwind, Mahogany, and Teakwood.

Chelan County uses the following system for evacuations:

- **Level 1:** This is an initial notification in person to inform the residents of the situation, and the process which may follow.
- **Level 2:** People are requested to consider leaving the area, or be ready to leave at a moments notice due to the high possibility of the fire reaching the area. Access back into the area may be limited at this point. This may be the only notice you receive.
- **Level 3:** The fire is in the area, people are to leave immediately. Access to the area is restricted.

Nine task forces from Clark, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, King, Snohomish and Skagit counties are on the scene with 45 engines/tenders and 125 firefighters assigned with structure protection. This brings the total number of firefighters to 1,538, 101 engines, 29 water tenders, 22 dozers, and 9 helicopters.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter approved the Washington State Fire Mobilization Act for the fire on August 11th. The WSP's Fire Protection Bureau subsequently dispatched three interface task forces to provide structure protection at the Fischer Fire.

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